Saskatchewan Labour Force Statistics

October 2008

UNADJUSTED DATA

According to the Statistics Canada Labour Force Survey for the week ended October 18, 2008, there were 521,600 persons employed in Saskatchewan during October 2008, a decrease of 900 from September 2008 but 17,100 more than the number employed in October 2007.

Agricultural employment was 41,100 persons in October 2008, down 6,100 from the September 2008 level and 1,900 less than the October 2007 agricultural employment level of 43,000. Non-agricultural employment was 480,500 persons in October 2008. This is an increase of 5,200 from the September 2008 non-agriculture employment level of 475,300 and 19,000 more than October 2007.

The Saskatchewan unemployment rate for October 2008 was 3.3 percent. This is a decrease of 0.3 percentage points from the September 2008 rate of 3.6 percent and 0.4 percentage points lower than the October 2007 level of 3.7 percent.

Saskatchewan's labour force decreased by 2,900 to 539,200 persons in October 2008 from 542,100 persons in September 2008. This is 15,200 more than the October 2007 labour force of 524,000 persons.

The Saskatchewan participation rate fell 0.5 percentage points to 69.8 percent in October 2008 from 70.3 percent in September 2008. The October 2007 participation rate for Saskatchewan was 69.4 percent.

There were 17,600 persons unemployed in Saskatchewan during October 2008. This is an decrease of 2,000 from September 2008 and is 1,900 less than the number unemployed in October 2007.

SEASONALLY ADJUSTED DATA

On a seasonally adjusted basis there were 519,300 persons employed in Saskatchewan in October 2008, up 100 from the September 2008 level of 519,200 and is up 16,200 from the October 2007 employment level of 503,100 persons.

The Saskatchewan seasonally adjusted unemployment rate for October 2008 was 4.0 percent. This is a decrease of 0.1 percentage points from the September 2008 rate of 4.1 percent and 0.3 percentage points lower than the October 2007 rate of 4.3 percent.

CANADIAN DATA

Canadian employment increased by 40,500 persons in October 2008 to 17,270,700 persons from 17,230,200 persons in September 2008. In October 2007, there were 17,051,900 persons employed in Canada.

Canada's unemployment rate decreased 0.1 percentage points to 5.6 percent from the September 2008 level of 5.7 percent. In October 2007, Canada's unemployment rate was 5.3 percent.

The seasonally adjusted unemployment rate for Canada was 6.2 percent in October 2008. This is 0.1 percentage points higher than September 2008 and 0.4 percentage points higher than the October 2007 level of 5.8 percent.

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TABLE 1

SUMMARY LABOUR FORCE STATISTICS, CANADA AND THE PRAIRIE PROVINCES

	October 2008	September 2008	October 2007	Change from Last Month	Change from Last Year
CANADA					
Labour Force ('000)	18,303.3	18,276.1	17,997.9	27.2	305.4
Employed ('000)	17,270.7	17,230.2	17,051.9	40.5	218.8
Full-Time ('000)	13,995.1	14,047.1	13,880.2	-52.0	114.9
Part-Time ('000)	3,275.6	3,183.1	3,171.7	92.5	103.9
Unemployed ('000)	1,032.7	1,045.9	946.1	-13.2	86.6
Unemployment Rate (%)	5.6	5.7	5.3	-0.1	0.3
Unemployment Rate (%) Seasonally Adjusted	6.2	6.1	5.8	0.1	0.4
Participation Rate (%)	67.7	67.7		0.0	67.7
SASKATCHEWAN					
Labour Force ('000)	539.2	542.1	524.0	-2.9	15.2
Employed ('000)	521.6	522.5	504.5	-0.9	17.1
Full-Time ('000)	425.4	430.4	414.9	-5.0	10.5
Part-Time ('000)	96.2	92.1	89.6	4.1	6.6
Unemployed ('000)	17.6	19.6	19.5	-2.0	-1.9
Unemployment Rate (%)	3.3	3.6	3.7	-0.3	-0.4
Unemployment Rate (%) Seasonally Adjusted	4.0	4.1	4.3	-0.1	-0.3
Participation Rate (%)	69.8	70.3	69.4	-0.5	0.4
ALBERTA					
Labour Force ('000)	2,109.6	2,096.8	2,037.3	12.8	72.3
Employed ('000)	2,035.4	2,020.2	1,971.9	15.2	63.5
Full-Time ('000)	1,696.7	1,685.9	1,643.6	10.8	53.1
Part-Time ('000)	338.7	334.3	328.3	4.4	10.4
Unemployed ('000)	74.2	76.6	65.4	-2.4	8.8
Unemployment Rate (%)	3.5	3.7	3.2	-0.2	0.3
Unemployment Rate (%) Seasonally Adjusted	3.7	3.8	3.4	-0.1	0.3
Participation Rate (%)	75.0	74.7	73.7	0.3	1.3
MANITOBA					
Labour Force ('000)	633.3	634.0	626.4	-0.7	6.9
Employed ('000)	609.3	607.0	604.2	2.3	5.1
Full-Time ('000)	495.1	490.4	486.8	4.7	8.3
Part-Time ('000)	114.2	116.7	117.4	-2.5	-3.2
Unemployed ('000)	24.0	27.0	22.2	-3.0	1.8
Unemployment Rate (%)	3.8	4.3	3.5	-0.5	0.3
Unemployment Rate (%) Seasonally Adjusted	4.3	4.6	4.1	-0.3	0.2
Participation Rate (%)	69.4	69.5	69.5	-0.1	-0.1

Source: Statistics Canada, *Labour Force Survey*
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TABLE 2

SASKATCHEWAN LABOUR FORCE STATISTICS

	October 2008	September 2008	October 2007	Change from Last Month	Change from Last Year
LABOUR FORCE ('000)	539.2	542.1	522.1	-2.9	17.1
Male	288.2	291.3	282.2	-3.1	6.0
Female	251.0	250.7	240.0	0.3	11.0
15-24 Years of Age	97.0	98.5	93.5	-1.5	3.5
25+ Years of age	442.2	443.6	428.6	-1.4	13.6
EMPLOYED ('000)	521.6	522.5	504.4	-0.9	17.2
Male	278.2	280.7	273.2	-2.5	5.0
Female	243.4	241.8	231.2	1.6	12.2
15-24 Years of Age	89.6	91.3	87.2	-1.7	2.4
25+ Years of age	432.1	431.2	417.2	0.9	14.9
UNEMPLOYED ('000)	17.6	19.6	17.7	-2.0	-0.1
Male	10.0	10.7	9.0	-0.7	1.0
Female	7.6	8.9	8.7	-1.3	-1.1
15-24 Years of Age	7.5	7.2	6.3	0.3	1.2
25+ Years of age	10.1	12.4	11.4	-2.3	-1.3
UNEMPLOYMENT RATE (%)	3.3	3.6	3.4	-0.3	-0.1
Male	3.5	3.7	3.2	-0.2	0.3
Female	3.0	3.6	3.6	-0.6	-0.6
15-24 Years of Age	7.7	7.3	6.7	0.4	1.0
25+ Years of age	2.3	2.8	2.7	-0.5	-0.4
PARTICIPATION RATE (%)	69.8	70.3	69.3	-0.5	0.5
Male	75.7	76.7	75.9	-1.0	-0.2
Female	64.1	64.2	62.9	-0.1	1.2
15-24 Years of Age	69.5	70.6	67.8	-1.1	1.7
25+ Years of age	69.9	70.3	69.6	-0.4	0.3

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TABLE 3

SASKATCHEWAN EMPLOYED LABOUR FORCE

	October 2008	September 2008	October 2007	Change from Last Month	Change from Last Year
INDUSTRY ('000)					
Agriculture	41.1	47.2	43.0	-6.1	-1.9
Forestry, Fishing, Mining and Oil & Gas	25.2	25.7	22.4	-0.5	2.8
Utilities	5.9	5.8	4.9	0.1	1.0
Construction	41.9	40.5	36.3	1.4	5.6
Manufacturing	29.9	33.0	30.0	-3.1	-0.1
Trade	82.3	82.4	81.0	-0.1	1.3
Transportation and Warehousing	23.7	21.7	23.5	2.0	0.2
Finance, Insurance, Real Estate & Leasing	28.4	27.4	27.7	1.0	0.7
Professional, Scientific and Technical Services	21.6	21.8	21.7	-0.2	-0.1
Business, Building and Other Support Services	12.6	11.7	11.6	0.9	1.0
Educational Services	41.8	40.4	42.6	1.4	-0.8
Health Care and Social Assistance	63.6	66.1	60.1	-2.5	3.5
Information, Culture and Recreation	18.5	18.0	19.6	0.5	-1.1
Accommodation and Food Services	31.6	30.1	30.7	1.5	0.9
Other Services	22.8	21.8	21.6	1.0	1.2
Public Administration	30.8	29.0	27.8	1.8	3.0
Total	521.6	522.5	504.5	-0.9	17.1
HOURS OF WORK ('000)					
Full-Time	425.4	430.4	414.9	-5.0	10.5
Part-Time	96.2	92.1	89.6	4.1	6.6
CLASS OF WORKER ('000)					
Employees	425.7	424.6	413.5	1.1	12.2
Public Sector	132.4	129.5	128.8	2.9	3.6
Private Sector	293.4	295.1	284.7	-1.7	8.7
Self-Employed	95.9	97.9	91.0	-2.0	4.9

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TABLE 4

CANADIAN AND PROVINCIAL LABOUR FORCE STATISTICS

	October 2008	September 2008	October 2007	Change from Last Month	Change from Last Year
EMPLOYMENT ('000)					
Canada	17,270.7	17,230.2	17,051.9	40.5	218.8
Newfoundland & Labrador	221.0	224.1	219.8	-3.1	1.2
Prince Edward Island	70.2	73.0	71.5	-2.8	-1.3
Nova Scotia	462.1	458.4	454.0	3.7	8.1
New Brunswick	371.1	372.8	365.6	-1.7	5.5
Quebec	3,912.5	3,917.5	3,895.1	-5.0	17.4
Ontario	6,754.6	6,718.9	6,681.2	35.7	73.4
Manitoba	609.3	607.0	604.2	2.3	5.1
Saskatchewan	521.6	522.5	504.5	-0.9	17.1
Alberta	2,035.4	2,020.2	1,971.9	15.2	63.5
British Columbia	2,312.9	2,315.9	2,283.9	-3.0	29.0
UNEMPLOYMENT RATE (%)					
Canada	5.6	5.7	5.3	-0.1	0.3
Newfoundland & Labrador	12.4	11.4	12.2	1.0	0.2
Prince Edward Island	9.7	9.0	7.4	0.7	2.3
Nova Scotia	6.7	7.2	6.7	-0.5	0.0
New Brunswick	7.8	6.9	6.9	0.9	0.9
Quebec	6.5	6.6	6.3	-0.1	0.2
Ontario	5.9	6.1	5.5	-0.2	0.4
Manitoba	3.8	4.3	3.5	-0.5	0.3
Saskatchewan	3.3	3.6	3.7	-0.3	-0.4
Alberta	3.5	3.7	3.2	-0.2	0.3
British Columbia	4.9	4.5	4.0	0.4	0.9

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TABLE 5

SUB-PROVINCIAL LABOUR FORCE STATISTICS

(3 Month Moving Average)

	Aug-Oct 2008	Jul-Sep 2008	Aug-Oct 2007	Change from Last Month	Change from Last Year
CANADIAN CITIES UNEMPLOYMENT RATE (%)					
St. John's	7.0	7.9	6.2	-0.9	0.8
Halifax	5.2	5.7	5.1	-0.5	0.1
Saint John	6.5	6.6	5.4	-0.1	1.1
Quebec	3.9	3.9	4.6	0.0	-0.7
Montreal	7.2	7.4	7.0	-0.2	0.2
Ottawa-Gatineau	5.1	5.4	5.2	-0.3	-0.1
Greater Sudbury	5.8	5.6	5.7	0.2	0.1
Toronto	6.9	7.5	6.7	-0.6	0.2
Winnipeg	4.8	4.8	4.5	0.0	0.3
Regina	4.1	4.1	5.0	0.0	-0.9
Saskatoon	4.1	4.7	3.9	-0.6	0.2
Calgary	4.0	3.9	3.1	0.1	0.9
Edmonton	3.4	3.7	4.2	-0.3	-0.8
Vancouver	4.5	4.6	4.2	-0.1	0.3
Victoria	3.8	3.7	3.7	0.1	0.1
SASKATCHEWAN ECONOMIC REGIONS EMPLOYMENT ('000)					
Regina-Moose Mountain	157.1	156.4	148.3	0.7	8.8
Swift Current-Moose Jaw	54.3	54.5	54.6	-0.2	-0.3
Saskatoon-Biggar	169.4	169.8	166.2	-0.4	3.2
Yorkton-Melville	41.8	40.5	42.3	1.3	-0.5
Prince Albert & Northern	98.7	97.8	93.1	0.9	5.6

Note: All data in this table are three month moving averages, ending in the month specified in the table. For example, the data for July are an average of the three months ending in July (May, June and July)

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TABLE 6

SASKATCHEWAN LABOUR FORCE CHARACTERISTICS BY ABORIGINAL IDENTITY FOR POPULATION 15 YEARS AND OLDER

(3 Month Moving Average)

	Aug-Oct 2008	Jul-Sep 2008	Aug-Oct 2007	Change from Last Month	Change from Last Year
TOTAL POPULATION					
Labour Force ('000)	542.4	542.7	526.0	-0.3	16.4
Employed ('000)	519.6	517.1	503.7	2.5	15.9
Unemployed ('000)	22.8	25.6	22.4	-2.8	0.4
Unemployment Rate (%)	4.2	4.7	4.3	-0.5	-0.1
Participation Rate (%)	70.4	70.5	69.8	-0.1	0.6
Employment Rate (%)	67.4	67.2	66.8	0.2	0.6
NON-ABORIGINAL					
Labour Force ('000)	501.4	502.0	487.9	-0.6	13.5
Employed ('000)	483.3	481.5	469.9	1.8	13.4
Unemployed ('000)	18.1	20.4	18.0	-2.3	0.1
Unemployment Rate (%)	3.6	4.1	3.7	-0.5	-0.1
Participation Rate (%)	70.7	70.9	70.4	-0.2	0.3
Employment Rate (%)	68.1	68.0	67.8	0.1	0.3
ABORIGINAL					
Labour Force ('000)	41.0	40.7	38.1	0.3	2.9
Employed ('000)	36.3	35.6	33.8	0.7	2.5
Unemployed ('000)	4.7	5.1	4.3	-0.4	0.4
Unemployment Rate (%)	11.5	12.6	11.4	-1.1	0.1
Participation Rate (%)	66.7	66.3	63.5	0.4	3.2
Employment Rate (%)	59.0	57.9	56.2	1.1	2.8
NORTH AMERICAN INDIAN					
Labour Force ('000)	17.2	17.2	15.7	0.0	1.5
Employed ('000)	14.2	14.1	13.4	0.1	0.8
Unemployed ('000)	3.1	3.2	2.3	-0.1	0.8
Unemployment Rate (%)	17.7	18.3	14.4	-0.6	3.3
Participation Rate (%)	62.0	62.2	57.5	-0.2	4.5
Employment Rate (%)	51.0	50.8	49.2	0.2	1.8
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Labour Force ('000)	23.7	23.3	22.4	0.4	1.3
Employed ('000)	22.0	21.4	20.3	0.6	1.7
Unemployed ('000)	1.7	2.0	2.1	-0.3	-0.4
Unemployment Rate (%)	7.1	8.5	9.3	-1.4	-2.2
Participation Rate (%)	70.5	69.6	68.3	0.9	2.2
Employment Rate (%)	65.5	63.7	62.0	1.8	3.5

Notes:

1. The Labour Force Survey collects data on the Saskatchewan civilian, non-institutional, off-reserve population. Beginning in April 2004, questions were added to the survey allowing for the self-identification of Aboriginal identity for Saskatchewan respondents.
2. The North American Indian and Métis categories are single responses only. 'Other' is omitted due to insufficient responses.
3. All data in this table are three month moving averages, ending in the month specified in the table. For example, the data for July are an average of the three months ending in July (May, June and July)
4. Caution should be used when interpretting results. Small sample sizes can result in large standard errors.

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